



## Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department Youth Sports “Play Up” Policy

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Participants registering for Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department Youth Sports Programs are strongly recommended to register within their corresponding age group according to their chronological age as determined by the “cut-off” date. In the event that a parent or guardian feels that their child would benefit greatly from participating in a higher age division, which is not recommended, the department acknowledges the request and will accommodate the parent/guardian by approving the “Play Up” request for participants moving up by **1 year of age only**. The age will be calculated according to the age cut off date for that particular sport (Ex. The youth basketball cut-off date is the participant’s age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> in the program season).

### Eligibility to submit “Play Up” requests:

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*Start Smart (Those players turning 4 prior to or on the cutoff date may submit requests)*

*5-6 Division (Those players turning 6 prior to or on the cutoff date may submit requests)*

*7-8 Division (Those players turning 8 prior to or on the cutoff date may submit requests)*

*9-10 Division (Those players turning 10 prior to or on the cutoff date may submit requests)*

*11-12 Division (Those players turning 12 prior to or on the cutoff date may submit requests)*

*13-14 Division (Those players turning 14 prior to or on the cutoff date may submit requests)*

*15-16 Division (Those players turning 16 prior to or on the cutoff date may submit requests)*

In the event that a parent has requested for their child to “Play Up”, the parent/guardian must read, sign and submit a **Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement** form to their respective Recreation Center be kept on file. The Recreation Center must then submit a copy of the signed waiver to the Youth Sports Development Team for record. The form may be faxed to (704) 432-2322 or emailed to [YouthSports@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:YouthSports@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

Please contact Youth Sports Development Staff at (704) 432-4963 if you have questions.